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CHINA.—Co. Sociedad A. A. de Mexico Amoy, Wilson, NICHOLAS & Co., Foochow, Heng & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital.....\$1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS:
BANK OF ENGLAND.
UNION BANK OF LONDON.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

All 3 months' notice 5% per annum.
" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund.....\$2,500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—H. L. DALYMPLE, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. M. REINERS, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. M. E. SASOON, Esq.
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F. D. SASOON, Esq.

Chief Manager—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Manager—EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 10, 1882.

INSURANCES.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on Past Uses Godowns at 2 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1882.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL, S. S. CO., having been appointed Agents for the above Company, the Undersigned is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent, M. B. M. S. S. Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling, of which is paid up £100,000. Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000. Annual Income £20,000.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurance of current rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1882.

Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

CHINA.—Moore, Messrs A. A. de Mello Amoy, Wilson, NICHOLAS & Co., Foochow, Heng & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Have RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

ELEY'S GREEN, BLUE and BROWN CARTRIDGE CASES.

ELEY'S WATERPROOF CAPS and WADS.

PIQUET & WILKES SPORTING GUNPOWDER.

LEAD and CHILLED SHOT.

GAME BAGS and CARTRIDGE BELTS.

RECAPPIING and RELOADING MACHINES.

POWDER and SHOT MEASURES.

FLASKS, DOG WHISTLES, &c., &c.

SHOOTING BOOTS, STOCKINGS, HATS and SUITS.

TINNED PROVISIONS and LIQUORS

provided for Shooting.

And PICNIC PARTIES

at Special Rates.

Hongkong, August 4, 1882.

For Sale.

ALL THOSE PIECES OR PARCELS

OF G R O U N D,

Registered in the Land Office as INLAND

LOT No. 505, measuring North and East

120 feet, South and West 100 feet, South

and East 44 feet, North and West 100

feet, containing in the whole 7,500 square

feet. Together with the 16 HOUSES

No. 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, Caine-

ROAD (Tai-ping-shan), and Nos. 5, 7, 9,

A, B, C, D and E, MARKET STREET (Tai-

ping-shan). Yearly Rent, \$33.32.

(Second Lot),

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF

G R O U N D,

Registered in the Land Office as SECTIONS

A and the REMAINING PORTION

OF INLAND LOT No. 280. Together

with the 8 HOUSES Nos. 70, 72, 74 and

76, SQUARE STREET, and Nos. 19, 21, 23

and 25, TAN LANE. Yearly Rent, \$88.60.

For Particulars, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1882.

For Sale.

B. & E. PERNIER'S CHAMPAGNE,

OF G R E A T B R I T A I N ,

Plnts.....\$18 per dozen Cases.

Pints.....\$19 per dozen.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1882.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

BLUE BUILDINGS BLOCK.

MARINE LOT No. 65, containing 4

Substantially Built HOUSES and 4

Large GRANITE GODOWNS in the PIAWA

EAST, and 17 CHINESE HOUSES in

Queen's ROAD EAST. The above Property

will be Sold in the Lot or in 4 separate

Lots of One House and 1 Godown in a Lot,

and the 17 HOUSES in another Lot.

For Price and Particulars, apply to LEONG LUEN PO;

or to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, July 10, 1882.

For Sale.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE,

Quarts.....\$17 per dozen Cases.

Pints.....\$18 per dozen.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

FOR SALE.

THE BRITISH STEAMER

" G L E N E L G "

895 Tons net—130 N.H.P., built in 1873

under Special Survey by SAMUDA BROTHERS,

Blackwall.

For Particulars, apply to GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 15, 1882.

To Let.

N O. 2 SEYMOUR TENNAGE,

Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDAR'S HILL

No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (lately

occupied by PACIFIC MAIL S. S. Co.)

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, July 24, 1882.

Godown St. To Let.

PIATA EAST and WANCHAII ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE New FAMILY RESIDENCE sit-

uate next to EXCELSIOR on Robinson

Road, replete with every convenience,

TENNY LAWN, STYLING, &c.

Also,

8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all sizes

Water-side. Inspection is invited.

Apply to SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSIONER),
ARE NOW LANDING, EX
BRITISH BARQUE
"STILLWATER".

**DEVOE'S NONPARIEL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,**
150° test.

**SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.**

FAIRBANKS SCALES.
OAKUM.
TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL".

CALIFORNIA
BACKE.

COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

HEAT.
OATMEAL.

HOMINY.

CORNMEAL.

TOPOGAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
Bones CODFISH.

Prime HAMS and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE JUICE.
Picked OX TAILS.

FAMILY PIG-POW. in kegs and pieces
Parson MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Best Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Cutting Dessert FRUITS in 5 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS
Assorted PORK.
MINCEMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frascos.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS
Lunch TONGUE.

McCarty's Sugar LEMONADE

Clam CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2 lb cans.

&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
including:

TEYSMONT'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

COCOA-TINA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

LIEBIG'S & EPI'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCEMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BRAUN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST TONGUES.

ANOHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—

HEDDICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.

VERVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, "

1829 GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACOGNO'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SACOGNO'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BRIQUET DUBOURG & Co.'S BRANDY.

FLYING OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

KIRKMAN'S LIQUOR WHISKY.

ROYAL OLENDE WHISKY.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DAUGHTER ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogsheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
6 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to
25 cents.

MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Insurances.

**THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND
MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF NEW ZEALAND.**
CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).
Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE
RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual
Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.**

(Fully Paid-up) £1,425,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE £1,230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,200,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and Ac-
cumulations, 6th April, 1882, £1,940,553.95

Directors.
H. De C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKNEY, Esq., Vice-Chairman.
A. J. M. INVERNESS, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Messrs BARING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
63 and 59, Cornhill.

Polices granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits
of the Underwriting Business are
annually distributed among all Contributors
of Business (whether Shareholders or not)
in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 8, 1882.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurance as follows:

Marine Department.

Polices issued at current rates, payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Polices issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

Life Department.

Polices issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

To-day's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.

The Steamship "Hawke,"

Captain GRANDIN, due on
or about the 28th Inst.,

will have immediate despatch for the above
Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

**FOR SINGAPORE, MAURITIUS, PORT
ELIZABETH AND CAPE TOWN.**

The Steamship "Aurora,"

Captain RORAIMA, will have
immediate despatch for the above
above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

**AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.**

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, ALEX., SUEZ, PORT
SAID, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking cargo at through rates to CAL-
CUTTA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS,
INDIA, &c.)

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Vorwärts,"

Capt. T. EGGER, will be
despatched as above on

MONDAY, the 4th September.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 21, Prosperity, Siamese barque,
476, D. Michaelson, Bangkok Aug. 11,
General—CHINESE.

Aug. 22, Welle, German steamer, from
Canton.

Aug. 22, Diamant, British steamer, 514,
R. F. Callen, Manila Aug. 13, General—

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 22, Policia, German st., 509,
H. T. Behrens, Saigon Aug. 17, Rice—

SIAM—CHINESE.

Aug. 22, Phoenice, German st., 874,
Ph. Nissen, Penang and Singapore
Aug. 15, 7 p.m., General—CHINESE.

Aug. 22, Ponang, British steamer, 988,
Irving, Shanghai Aug. 18, General—

JAMESON, MATTHEWS & Co.

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug. 22, Salter, for Haiphong.

Aug. 22, Rajanattanahar, for Bangkok.

Aug. 22, Odin, for Haiphong, &c.

Aug. 22, Ulysses, for Amoy and Shanghai.

Aug. 22, Heui Yuen, for Canton.

Aug. 22, Poason, for Canton.

Aug. 22, Hinayana, British steamer, 514,
W. R. Boole, Hampton Aug. 20, General—

CHINESE

the essential principle in question. As regards the further objection (p. 13) that the Ordinance opens a new door to extortions by the lower Government employees, and that an issue of "partnership or not" is scarcely a fit one for trial in a Police Court, we leave the cogency of this argument to our readers to judge of.

But, although we have thus shown up many weak points and a general one-sidedness pervading the whole line of argument embodied in this letter, we must confess that on a first perusal of this captivating plea we were fairly taken in and in a maze, and it was only after studying the history of the whole movement in which it originated and after scrutinizing its detailed allegations, that we came to see the weakness of this *ex parte* statement of the case. We specially mention this to warn our readers against the misleading character of the pamphlet. For the special plea against registration of part of which this pamphlet contains, is nearly concealed and its open argumentation as plausibly conducted and so deftly worded, with a truly artistic conception of effect, whilst the author secretly poses in the attitude of a practising lawyer giving his opinion gratis to a benighted Colonial Secretary for the benefit of an ignorant community, that it is not to be wondered at that he succeeded to his heart's content.

Neither the press nor the Chamber of Commerce cared to enter the lists against such an able advocate who, in his admission of the necessity of legislation in the direction of the bankruptcy law, anyhow had much truth on his side, and thereupon the Government quietly withdrew the Bill.

(To be continued.)

Our letters per steamer *Saghalien* from Shanghai lead us to believe that "wily Li" will have to emerge from his retirement, on account of the Korean complications with Japan. The Korean uprising was sudden and unexpected, it seems, and took the councils of Peking by surprise. Chinese troops have already gone forward to Korea, but if pitted against the soldiers of Japan, will have a bad time of it. We cannot too strongly enforce on our Chinese readers that the Chinese troops are at present mere mobs of men. The best troops, in fact the only drilled Chinese troops, are those of Li; but even these men, upon whom such vast amounts have been wasted with extreme persistence, for nearly twenty years, (Li has had with him a number of officers, sergeants, and artillerymen who had served against the Taipings), are of no value at all except against untrained, irregular, and ill-armed levies. Against disciplined troops, like those Russia would have sent to China in 1881, Li's troops would have been as nought. The Japanese troops, on the contrary, have been well-trained by Col. Munier and his predecessor. The men are fairly equipped, are well-drilled, and their skirmishing is exceedingly well done. The Japanese flanking attack would be quick and decisive, and would have a terrible effect upon the ill-officered Chinese regiments.

It will be useful to point out some salient differences between the Japanese and Chinese armies. The Japanese division of 20,000 men (the full army corps is over 41,000) will take the field in fair order. That is to say: there will be a chief commander-in-chief, generals of brigades, field artillery, cavalry, commissariat, engineers, siege artillery, pontoon train, field telegraph, field and hospital doctors, stores, wheeled transport, &c. A basis of operations will be selected, and safe places for storage and supply will be agreed upon and planned.

The Chinese army has no staff, no commissariat, no engineers, no siege train, no pontoons, no field telegraph, not one single field or hospital doctor, no tents, no hospitals, no medicines, no organized wheeled transport, nor organized reserves of stores of food, or trenching tools, or munitions of war, or clothing, or timber, or reserves of any kind.

The dependence of China should now be placed on her fleet. The Chinese navy, ill-served, jobbed, and mismanaged as it is, can be soon made into a force of value. The two cruises and the ten or twelve alphabetical gunboats ought to be able to keep the coast clear, but if the navy of China should, for the space of two weeks during war time, be captured by the Japanese.

Japan is very formidable to China because Japan has attained a certain though not high development of tactical organization; but China has not the slightest beginnings of organization of any sort. Besides Japan is near China, and nearer still to Korea, so that Japanese soil will be a convenient base of operations. If the Japanese can keep the command of the sea, Korea will be occupied and held, and China will be impotent to prevent the occupation or to expel the invaders. If China, by aid of skilled mercenaries—we use the term in no offensive sense—can sink the Japanese fleet, a very easy task, Japan will quickly exhaust herself. The Japanese navy is in bad order, but the crews and officers are fairly good.

Out of the dispute grave changes may, and ought to occur. If the Chinese provincial officials would loyally support Tsoo and Li, China is in a few months would have a good navy, strong enough to overpower Japan, and the nucleus of a powerful army on the coast adequate to maintain the integrity of Chinese territory.

Our (*N.C.D. News*) Chefoo Correspondent writes under date of the 12th inst.:—“The Corseant embroilment has been founded on a Russian scare. The rebellion has happened very opportunely, though had it come a few days earlier it might have been still better.” He adds that, according to the popular opinion, Sir Thomas Wade has been called to England by telegraph to give evidence about opium; but there is reason to believe that other causes are at the bottom.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE “CHINA MAIL.”]

(Per E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.

ALEXANDRIA, 20th Aug.—Sir Garnet Wolseley sailed at noon on Sunday. A continuous cannonade was heard this afternoon in the direction of the Mahmudieh Canal.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED.

Parliament has adjourned.

MILITARY OCCUPATION OF THE CANAL, AND TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF THE TRAFFIC.

BOMBAY, 21st Aug.—Transports and fleet have arrived at Port Said. Admiral Seymour has stopped the traffic on the Suez Canal; Port Said, Kantara, and Ismailia have been occupied without resistance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The sentencing of prisoners will take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TELEGRAMS FOR BANGKOK can go forward by mail closing at Singapore at 5 p.m. to-morrow, the 23rd inst.

We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the Customs Gazette Statistical Series for April to June of the current year.

The *Vortigern* left Aberdeen Dock yesterday evening, and the *Glenely* came out of it to-day.

The Agents (Messrs Russell & Co.) inform us that the Union Line steamer *Hector* left Singapore for this port this morning, and may be expected to arrive on the 28th inst.

The Agents (Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the steamer *Glenelg* left Singapore for this port to-day, the 22nd August.

The Agents (Messrs Melchers & Co.) inform us that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Vorwerk*, left Singapore on the 20th, and may be expected here on the 28th inst.

We (*Courier*) learn that the Court of enquiry into the loss of the *Hongkong* will not be held at Hongkong, but it will take place at Foochow, as that is the nearest port to the wreck. For this purpose, the chief officer, chief engineer, the second officer, carpenter and boatswain proceed to Foochow. It appears that the second mate arrived here to-day from Amoy, by the *Euroe*, he going having to that port with the Captain to obtain the services of a gun-boat to proceed to the scene of the wreck. The *Lily* was fortunately in port, and she proceeded with Captain Fryer to Hainan Straits and took the position of the rock. The remainder of the crew, not required for observation, he died in the Hospital the same evening.

CHATELET'S troupe arrived in the French Mail steamer *Saghalien* to-day from Shanghai. The Circus apparatus and animals are being landed; but no performance will be given until the weather becomes more settled than it is. The Circus had enough rain at Shanghai to enable them to dispense with any here.

The thirty boxes of Annamese bad cash which were seized some little time ago on board the *White Cloud* have been, we understand, returned by the Government to the firm in Macao which imported them here. It will be remembered that the three persons who were charged with the possession of the cash were discharged by the Magistrate.

Many of our readers will be sorry to learn that the well-known and popular Chinese who has carried on business here for nearly thirty years as tailor, &c., under the style of Sam King Stultz, has succumbed to the necessities of the present hard times, and has suspended payment. The liabilities are placed, we believe, at something like \$70,000, but we have not heard what assets are available. Losses in the matting trade, and sudden pressure on the part of the Chinese banks and Chinese creditors generally, are said to be the cause of the suspension.

List of Articles presented or lent to the City Hall Museum or Library, from March 16th to 22nd August, 1882:—Peacock, by Mr. C. Ford; Fox and Albatross, by Mr. Wm. Gregory; 8 vols. Materia Medica, in Chinese, by Dr. J. G. Kerr; Sea Gull and Stork by Mr. R. K. Leigh; Crane, by Mr. A. Hogg; Snake, by Mr. G. J. Laurie; Albatross, by Mr. G. Allen; Parrot, Anonymous; Snake and Pheasant, by Mr. G. Anderson; Gran of Paddy with a Poem of 32 Chinese Characters cut upon it, and enclosed in a Silver Locket, by Mr. Wong Cho Ping; Gold Annamese Coin, by H. E. Administrator; Silver Medal of Granada, by Mr. W. H. R. Mossop; Snake, by Mr. F. C. College.

CONSEQUENT ON THE OUTBREAK OF cholera at Manila and Holhaw, measures have been taken here to quarantine vessels arriving from these ports. There are now three vessels at anchor in the quarantine ground near Stonecutter's Island, namely the *Actis*, *Vorwerk*, and the *Diamante*.

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THE CHINA MAIL, by Percy Russell. This Illustrated Pamphlet on Perjury, &c., published at 6d., may be had gratis from any Chemist or dealer in perfumery in the World, or JOHN GOVETT & CO., London.—[AVR.]

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held on Thursday, the 24th inst. The following is the Agenda:—

- Report of Finance Committee on Estimates for 1883.
- Second reading of the Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 1881.
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- Vote of \$10,000 for Tait's Water Works.
- Vote of \$10,000 for Completion of Breakwater.

The notice of meeting on this occasion differs from the old slip, being a sheet of note paper, with the notice on the first and the agenda on the third page. Printing the agenda in connection with the notice of meeting is a great improvement.

THE ROADS throughout the Colony have been greatly damaged by the heavy rains which have fallen lately. Some parts of the Praya Central, more especially those which underwent repair a month or two ago, are in a very bad state; and the same remark applies to portions of Queen's Road. We do not say the Surveyor General's Department is wholly to blame for this state of things, but until that Department adopts a different system from that at present in existence bad roads will continue to be one of the grievances of residents in Hongkong. In Caine Road, immediately above the eastern end of the tank and below Idlewild, there has been a serious subsidence. The subsidence extends across almost the entire road, is about eight feet in breadth, and four or five in depth. Part of the channel on the north side has given way, and there is a considerable cavity beneath the wall which runs along that side of the road. In looking at the Gap in the road to-day, we were surprised to find that no steps had been taken to obviate the danger to night passengers, which at present exists, by placing a boarding round the gap. But perhaps the Department thinks that during daytime one's eyes are sufficient preventative of accidents, and at night a watchman, always liable to yield to sleep, will be considered equal to the necessities of the case.

We (*Courier*) learn that the Court of enquiry into the loss of the *Hongkong* will not be held at Hongkong, but it will take place at Foochow, as that is the nearest port to the wreck. For this purpose, the chief officer, chief engineer, the second officer, carpenter and boatswain proceed to Foochow. It appears that the second mate arrived here to-day from Amoy, by the *Euroe*, he going having to that port with the Captain to obtain the services of a gun-boat to proceed to the scene of the wreck.

The *Lily* was fortunately in port, and she proceeded with Captain Fryer to Hainan Straits and took the position of the rock. The remainder of the crew, not required for observation, he died in the Hospital the same evening.

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